

The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ARLYN WOOD,
Plaintiff,
v.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
THE ARMY,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 18-cv-01317-BJR
**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER**

Plaintiff ARLYN WOOD and Defendant UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY hereby provide the Court with a Status Update pursuant to the Court's July 15, 2019 Order, Dkt. No. 24.

The only remaining issue in this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) suit is attorneys’ fees and costs. The parties agree to attempt to resolve this issue without motion practice. In mid-August, Plaintiff’s counsel provided Defendant with fee and cost information, including billing records. At this time, Defendant and the assigned Assistant United States Attorney are reviewing these records and commencing the internal settlement authority process. Although the parties had intended to have completed this process by the end of August, the timing of defense counsel’s summer vacation schedule and work schedule did not allow this to occur.

The parties anticipate that the issue of attorneys' fees and costs can be settled within the next 30 days. If not, the parties will submit a briefing schedule to the Court. For good cause, the parties request that the Court allow them to file another status report on or before October 7, 2019.

DATED this 5th day of September, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ORDER

The parties shall file their next status report by October 7, 2019. **IT IS SO**

ORDERED.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2019.

Barbara Rothstein
BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN
United States District Judge